



THE IMPACT



RECYCLING HELPS TO CREATE **CLEANER LAND, AIR, AND WATER, AND BETTER HEALTH.**



IN 2012,
NATIONALLY,
WE RECYCLED



AND
COMPOSTED



87 MILLION
TONS OF MSW.

ANNUALLY, THIS ELIMINATED
MORE THAN **168 MILLION**
METRIC TONS OF CO₂ EQUIVALENT
EMISSIONS REDUCED WHICH IS,

COMPARABLE TO
REMOVING THE
ANNUAL EMISSIONS



FROM OVER
33 MILLION
PASSENGER VEHICLES.

MAKE A DIFFERENCE TODAY!

If we all take **small steps every day** to reduce the amount of waste we produce, **we can help protect our planet** for generations to come.

For more information, visit www.epa.gov/recycle.



This infographic is based on data from EPA's 2012 MSW Characterization Report.
For more information, see <http://go.usa.gov/bPxY>.

Check out <http://1.usa.gov/mswinfog> for the full infographic.